



# Tennessee Fireworks Legislation 2007 Changes

Beginning May 1, 2007, all outdoor fireworks displays, proximate pyrotechnic displays, and flame effects displays will require:

1. A licensed exhibitor.
2. A certified outdoor display operator, proximate pyrotechnic operator, and/or a flame effects operator.

**\*\*\*APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED\*\*\***

**THE NEW LAWS DO NOT CHANGE THE USE OR SALE OF CONSUMER OR COMMON FIREWORKS.**

- An *outdoor fireworks display* means an outdoor display as defined by NFPA 1123 using 1.3G fireworks, display fireworks, indoor display or proximate pyrotechnics that are defined as 1.4G or 1.4S fireworks or pyrotechnics by US DOT standards.
- A *proximate pyrotechnics display* means the use of 1.4G or 1.4S fireworks or pyrotechnics when any portion of the audience is closer than permitted by NFPA 1123.
- A *flame effects display* means the use of flame effects before an audience as defined by NFPA 160.
- An *exhibitor* is the individual or entity performing the display or providing fireworks, pyrotechnics, or flame effects materials for a display. To become licensed, the exhibitor must submit an application (to be approved by the State Fire Marshal's Office), \$1,000 fee, and show proof of \$1,000,000 of liability insurance coverage.
- A *certified outdoor display operator, proximate pyrotechnic operator, or a flame effects operator* must be on the scene of the display to supervise during the preparation, execution, and immediately after until the site is released.
- Three operator certifications will be available: Outdoor Fireworks, Proximate Pyrotechnics, and Flame Effects.
- To be certified, operators must be at least 21 years old, pass an exam, and show proof of working under competent supervision for three displays within the past three years.
- Each operator certification will be \$100 (\$20 non-refundable). A separate exam will be required for each certification. The exam will cover the applicable NFPA codes and state regulations. The exam fee is \$150 for each certification.
- All displays using professional DOT 1.3 or 1.4 fireworks or pyrotechnics will require a state permit as is currently required. Flame effects displays as defined by NFPA 160 will be required to have a display permit beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>. This was not required under the older laws.

**The State Fire Marshal's Office is now accepting applications for operators and exhibitors.** Applications can be found on the state fire marshal's office web site.

Parts 1 and 2 of the laws can be seen at this [link](#), and navigating to Section 68, Safety, Chapter 104.